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SUBJ: RUMORS THAT RIGHT WING MAY ATTEMPT TO STAGE PRO-
SPINOLA DEMONSTRATION OCTOBER 13 IN FATIMA

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1. EMBOFFS HAVE HEARD UNCONFIRMED RUMOR THAT RIGHT WING
ELEMENTS, FOILED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO HOLD PRO-SPINOLA
RALLY SEPTEMBER 28 IN LISBON, MAY SEEK TO CONVERT CELEBRATION
FOR FATIMA (IN NORTHERN TOWN OF FATIMA NEAR LEIRIA) AT WHICH
UP TO 300,000 FAITHFUL EXPECTED, INTO AN ANTI-COMMUNIST AND
PRO-SPINOLA DEMONSTRATION. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, SOME LEADERS
OF RIGHT HAD ORIGINALLY AND UNSUCCESSFULLY URGED THAT THE FATIMA
CELEBRATIONS OCTOBER 13 BE SUBTLY MANIPULATED IN FAVOR
OF SPINOLA.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO RELIABLE CONFIRMATION THAT
THE RIGHT WILL ATTEMPT A COMEBACK DEMONSTRATION AT THIS
EARLY STAGE, WHICH MANY WOULD CONSIDER UNWISE AND COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE, THEY ARE JUST INSENSITIVE AND FOOLHARDY ENOUGH
TO ATTEMPT SUCH A DEMONSTRATION. THE LEFT IS SMART ENOUGH,
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IF IT SENSES ANOTHER RIGHTIST MANEUVER, TO PULL THE RUG OUT

FROM UNDER THEM BY THEMSELVES SEEKING TO USE THE OCCASION
TO LAUD THE AFM, THE NATION, AND COSTA GOMES OR GONCALVES.

3. SUCH A DEMONSTRATION AS OUTLINED ABOVE COULD PROVIDE
PROPITIOUS ENVIRONMENT FOR YET ANOTHER COUP ATTEMPT AND
INCREASE THE CHANCES FOR AN EVEN GREATER DIVISION IN SOCIETY
THAN NOW EXISTS.

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